

**Flood Watch
Midhurst District****NEWS**Friday, May 04, 2018
3:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Midhurst District is advising area residents that a Flood Watch remains in effect for the northern areas of Simcoe County including Severn and Ramara Townships. Specifically areas along the Severn and Black Rivers including Sparrow Lake.

Caution should be used around water bodies as water levels and flows remain high. Residents and those visiting the area are advised to be aware of current watershed conditions, exercise caution while around water bodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

MNRF is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION**Description of Weather System**

With thunderstorms forecast for the remainder of the day (Friday) and forecasted rainfall within these thunderstorm areas, wet saturated conditions will continue before some dryer weather moves in Saturday and into next week.

Water levels are expected to remain higher than normal on most watercourses throughout the next several days.

For flood emergencies the local Municipality is responsible for flood preparedness and response.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels have peaked on the Black and Severn Rivers including Sparrow Lake. Levels and flows are expected to slowly decline from the recent peaks over the next few days yet still well above the normal range.

Expiry Date:

This message will expire on Wednesday, May 09 2018, 01:00 PM

Terminology: Notification Levels

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT - FLOOD OUTLOOK: gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY: indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.

FLOOD WATCH: potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities

FLOOD WARNING: flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

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A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.

Environment Canada bulletins can be found at <http://weather.gc.ca/>

The Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage can be found here:
www.ontario.ca/flooding

